



Infrastructure and Community Services Committee Minutes from 25 July 2023

- Present:** Councillor Aidan Ellims (Chair) Deputy Mayor Melissa Sadler-Futter (Deputy Chair), Mayor Martin Connelly, Councillors Pip Maynard, Alistair Plimmer, Martin Bosley, Aaron Woodcock and Rebecca Gray.
- Apologies:** Councillor Pip Maynard.
- In attendance:** Councillor Colin Olds.
- Also in Attendance:** Paul Gardner (Interim Chief Executive), Stefan Corbett (Group Manager, Partnerships & Operations), James O'Connor (Partnerships and Operations Manager), Robyn Wells (Principal Advisor-Water Transition), Sheil Priest (General Manager Communications), Amanda Bradley (General Manager Policy and Governance), Russell O'Leary (Group Manager Planning and Environment), Karon Ashforth (General Manager Finance), Annette Beattie (Library Services Manager), Siv Fjaerestad (Community Development Co-ordinator), Tim Langley (Roading Manager), and Amy Andersen (Committee Advisor).
- Wellington Water: Adam Mattsen (Programme Delivery Lead South Wairarapa), Laurence Edwards (Chief Advisor Drinking Water) and Charles Barker (Director of Regulatory Services).
- Kara Atkinson (NZ Street Lighting).
- Conduct of Business:** This meeting was held in public in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, 62 Texas Street, Martinborough and via audio-visual conference from 10.00am to 12:35pm. This meeting was live-streamed is available to view on our YouTube channel.
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Open Section

Cr Gray arrived at 10:02am.

A1. Karakia Timatanga - Opening

Cr Ellims opened the meeting.

A2. Apologies

INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOLVED (ICS2023/17) to accept apologies from Cr Maynard.

(Moved Cr Ellims/Seconded Cr Gray)

Carried

A3. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

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A4. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

A5. Actions from public participation

There was no public participation

A6. Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

A7. Minutes For Confirmation

INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOLVED (ICS2023/18) that the minutes of the Infrastructure and Community Services meeting held on 1 June 2023 are a true and correct record.

(Moved Mayor Connelly/Seconded Deputy Mayor Sadler-Futter)

Carried

A8. Matters arising from previous minutes

There were no matters arising.

B Decision Reports from Chief Executive and Staff

B1. Recommendations from the Hearings Committee

Mr Corbett, with support from Mr Barker, spoke to the report, and acknowledged the lack of analysis of options and consultation with the public on the proposed water bore and pump at the Greytown Soldiers' Memorial Park.

Members noted that there must be alternative options to the Memorial Park as they had heard strongly from the community who had submitted during consultation that they reject the proposal, and queried wider strategy for Greytown water supplies in future.

Mr Corbett and Mr Barker responded to queries from members including: the operational bores at Waiohine and whether they have enough capacity to service Greytown and Featherston (maintaining pressure/hydraulics required); ways to bring Council together with officers, the community and residents who are knowledgeable about the local water supply/needs to explore options for the future and develop a clear strategy for the district; temporary location of the bore and pump in the Memorial Park with a view remove once a long-term solution in different location is in place; the original project scope and any contradictions with previous Council resolutions.

Mayor Connelly raised a point of order – Committee Members to be given opportunity to speak before Council Officers.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOLVED (ICS2023/19) to:

1. Receive the *Recommendations from the Hearings Committee Report*.
2. Agree not to progress the proposed recommendation in the report for the Soldiers' Memorial Park – New Bore and Pump.

(Moved Cr Woodcock/Seconded Cr Gray)

Carried

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3. Delegate to the Chair and the Interim CE to make proposals related to the next steps on a workshop for water services strategy for South Wairarapa including engagement with community and options for the Greytown water supply moving forward.

(Moved Mayor Connelly/Seconded Cr Plimmer)

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54am.

The meeting was reconvened at 11:04am.

Councillor Ellims vacated the Chair.

Deputy Mayor Sadler-Futter assumed the Chair.

B2. Libraries: Operating Model and Opening Hours

Mr Corbett spoke to matters in the report and apologised for the confusion and frustration the decision on library closures has caused elected members and the community. Mr Corbett noted that the current business model is based on having a full complement of staff across all libraries, and that there were hours for back-office tasks and activities that were not .

Deputy Mayor Sadler-Futter noted she was disappointed with the report in terms of the surface level view of the library service, options presented and understanding of the impact of CDC's choice on service.

Mr Corbett, supported by Mr Gardner, responded to members queries including: the impact of shared service with other Councils – understanding of funding decisions and not being given same opportunities to mitigate risks during the Annual Plan process; options presented in the roster; the current funding model and the budget for the service; previous funding from New Zealand Libraries Partnership Programme (NZLPP); managing health and safety; bolstering support in libraries with volunteers; potential relocation of staff to the libraries; data on libraries usage; rostering and how this is done (staff hours and calculations); whether a temporary closure of one library to support full servicing of two could be considered; financial support for Officers to conduct the review; expectations of libraries and types of activities/services.

Mr Gardner provided background to previous Council run volunteer programmes, staffing levels, expectations of the community for services, financial management – operating budget, need to review library service business model.

Cr Woodcock left the meeting at 12:19pm.

Cr Woodcock returned at 12:21pm.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOLVED (ICS2023/20) to:

1. Receive the 'Libraries: Operating Model and Opening hours' Report.
(Moved Cr Ellims/Seconded Mayor Connelly) Carried
2. Recommend that Council adopt a monthly roster that sees all libraries open on some weekends and on as many days as feasible during the week. A recommended roster is listed in **appendix one**, coded blue.

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(Moved Cr Ellims/Seconded Cr Gray)

Not Carried

Against: All Members.

- 3. Recommend to Council to delegate to the Chair, Deputy Chair of ICS, and CE the adoption of an interim roster for the period of 12 weeks.
- 4. Recommend to Council for the CE to conduct a thorough review of library services, management and shared services, with a report back to the Infrastructure and Community Services committee by 15 November 2023.

[Items 3&4 read together]

(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Bosley)

Carried

- 5. Recommend to Council to delegate to the CE to approve spend from the remuneration budget for the period of the review of library services, if needed.

(Moved Cr Gray/Seconded Cr Bosley)

Carried

Against: Mayor Connelly

INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOLVED (ICS2023/21) to adjourn the meeting and reconvene another time (date to be confirmed by the Chair and Interim CE).

(Moved Mayor Connelly/Seconded Cr Plimmer)

Carried

Note: Remaining items from the agenda to be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee:

- C1. Update from the Partnerships and Operations Group Report;
- C2. Action Items Report;
- D1. Chairperson’s Report from Councillor Ellims; and
- E1. Member’s Report from Councillor Woodcock.

The meeting closed at 12:35pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Chair)

.....(Date)

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